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This is in reply to your letter of 5 September 1977. We have not as yet completed our file search for documents referring to [REDACTED] but I will try to answer as many of your six points as possible.

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I am returning the Army documents which you had enclosed. Where the document was illegible, I have attached copies from Agency files. The poor legibility was not due to the reproduction and reduction by the Army, but to the poor original quality. Some of the documents are 30 years old, and appear to be carbons (which reproduce poorly) which were microfilmed at a later date, with a consequent deterioration of quality.

Your second question concerned sending of reports not originating with a federal government agency. We treat all documents in CIA files in our reply to your request, but we have no authority to release documents not originating with this Agency. You, of course, realize the Freedom of Information Act affects only agencies of the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government, and is not binding on the Legislative Branch, nor on state and local jurisdictions, let alone foreign governments.

Documents on [REDACTED] in our files were referred to the U.S. Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy, and State Department for their direct reply to you, as the Army has already done (question 3).

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We do not have the information you ask in questions 4 and 5 -- the names of non-federal organizations and federal agencies which have produced reports on [REDACTED] When

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our file review is completed, we will be able to notify you of the existence of documents from the other U.S. agencies, as I have done in the paragraph above.

Lastly, concerning the Santiago newspaper Libertad, we do not have copies in our library or records to indicate we ever did. Outdated periodicals from our library are routinely transferred to the Library of Congress when we no longer have need for them, but the Library of Congress also has no record of copies of that publication.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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